



## MEMORANDUM

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To: Public Library Directors of current first year ELF library jurisdictions

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Subject: 2008/09 Early Learning with Families (ELF) @ Your Library

I am pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the final targeted phase of the Early Learning with Families (ELF) @ Your Library initiative. Current first year ELF library jurisdictions are now invited to apply for 2008/09 second year continuation grants.

Applications are due to the California State Library by **May 30, 2008**. Grants will be awarded based on creative and compelling applications that further existing early learning programs and build on lessons learned from the first year of the ELF initiative. All ELF libraries in their second year will also participate in outcomes data collection, using the standardized tools developed specifically for this purpose. Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of \$25,000. Program guidelines and the application form can be found on the State Library website at:  
[http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/lsta/lsta\\_app\\_08\\_09.html](http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/lsta/lsta_app_08_09.html)

In addition, all libraries in California (even if not eligible for this ELF grant opportunity) can still access a wide array of ELF resources on the new interactive ELF website at <http://www.elflibraries.org>. These resources include ongoing training modules for library staff, parenting materials, bibliographies, research updates, library programming resources and tools, promising practice overviews, and marketing tools, with new content being added periodically.

If you have any questions regarding the ELF initiative, please contact Suzanne Flint at the California State Library at **916-651-9796** or **sflint@library.ca.gov**.